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Docket No.: FR000003 Customer No. 000024737

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	\$	
Pierre Lelong et al.	§ §	Confirmation No. 5188
Serial No.: 09/761,254	§ §	Group Art Unit: 2623
Filed: January 16, 2001	§ §	Examiner: Mehrdad Dastouri
For: PROCESSING METHOD AND	§	
SYSTEM FOR 3-D GEOMETRIC	§	
MODELING OF THE SPINE	§	
	§	

RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.